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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding production of oilseeds in the country during the last three years and the current year, crop-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether per acre productivity of oilseeds in the country is very low in comparison to other countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The State-wise and crop-wise estimates of production of major oilseeds in the country during 2005-06 to 2008-09 are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir.As per Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) reports, the productivity (yield) of oilseeds in India is significantly lower in comparison to other major oilseeds producing countries such as Russia, Cambodia, Austria, Bulgaria etc.

In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize" (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments for Production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and Minikits, infrastructure development, integrated Pest Management etc. Besides, front line demonstrations on improved production technologies and improved varieties/hybrids in oilseeds are also being conducted through Indian Council of Agricultural Research as a transfer of technology efforts among the farmers.